

**Continuing Professional Development Assessors Recruitment**

At present the recruitment process for the CPD Assessors is in its early stages. Meetings are being held with the relevant departments to ascertain how many CPD Assessors will be needed. Furthermore, meetings shall be held to develop draft role briefs for the CPD Assessors.

**Performance Appraisal**

Further to Council’s approval of the Partner Appraisal System, the internal implementation process has been agreed and posted on to HPC’s Management System. To date, seven Visitors have been sent the paper work for appraisal during May and June 2006.

**Partner Re-appointments Process**

On the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2006, the re-appointments process was presented to the Council. Council approved the process with a number of minor amendments to the paperwork. It was agreed that the re-appointments process would be a paper based exercise.

All re-appointments paperwork was sent by the 9th June 2006 to all partners whose contracts expire in 2006. Meetings are arranged at the end of July between the partner manager, head of departments, and an Independent Assessor from the Office for Commissioner of Public appointments (OCPA).

The final decision for the reappointments process will be mad by the partner manager, head of department and the independent assessor from the OCPA. To date a total of 36 partners have indicated that they do not wish to be re-appointed to their partner roles. All partners that are successfully reappointed will all be sent a new and updated partner agreement.

**Partner Conference**

All Partners have received notification of the 2006 conference dates and have been advised that official invitations will be sent in July (once the re-appointments process has been completed). The Health Minister for Scotland has been contacted and has agreed to speak as a keynote speaker at the partner conference

A second keynote speaker has been approached and we are still awaiting a response from this.

Each department that is taking part in the conference has been asked to submit a brief outline of their break out session. This information will be placed on partner conference invitations.

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